

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ruben Theodore Suess was born on May 5, 1909, to George and Magdelina Suess on a farm southwest of Scotland, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Ruben married three times and fathered eight children: Marvin, Melvin, Marlene, LaVonne, Maynard, Ronald, Elmer, and Gary, and his life was further blessed by 26 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ruben spent his life as a farmer working on dairy farms near Elk Point and Kaylor, South Dakota, until health issues required him to retire in 1975; and,

Whereas, Ruben served on his local school board, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, is an avid Twins baseball fan, and enjoys reading westerns and playing cards; and,

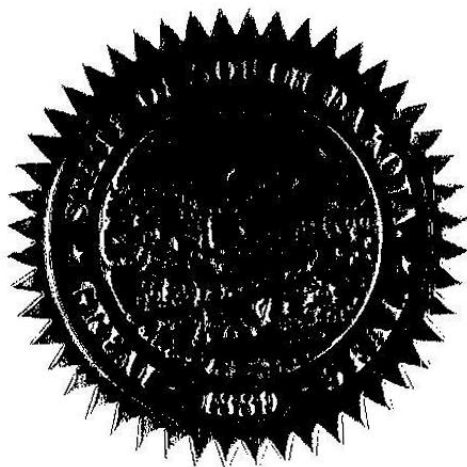
Whereas, Ruben will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State